

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

This so-called  
"documentary" is  
propaganda  
masquerading as  
news, in order to  
get around the  
election laws. It  
clearly and  
absolutely  
constitutes an  
illegal gift in kind  
to the Republican  
party, and Sinclair  
must be punished if  
they go ahead with  
this plan.

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. I expect  
the FCC to ensure  
that they do, and if  
they do not, to  
revoke their  
operating license.

The public's  
perception of the  
FCC is already  
marred by past  
attempts to loosen  
restrictions on  
consolidation. This  
is an opportunity  
for the FCC to  
redeem itself -  
please don't make  
matters worse.